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## **Louisiana Investment in Infrastructure for Economic Prosperity Commission (LIIEP Commission)**

**March 28, 2003**

**10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol Building  
House Committee Room No. 1**

Mr. Blaise Carriere, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 10:00. He substituted for Dr. Kam Movassaghi who could not attend.

### **Welcome & Roll Call**

Role was called, the following members were present:

Mr. Blaise Carriere – substituting for Secretary Kam Movassaghi  
Mr. Rodney Braxton  
Ms. Angele Davis  
Mr. Darrel Boudreaux – substituting for Secretary Don Hutchinson  
Mr. Derrell Cohoon  
Representative Gillis Pinac  
Senator Joel Chaisson  
Representative Roy Hopkins  
Representative Loulan Pitre

### **Adoption of Minutes of December 10, 2002 meeting**

Mr. Derrell Cohoon moved to accept the minutes from the December

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10, 2002 meeting of the Commission and Representative Gillis Pinac seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted with no objection.

### **Review of the draft Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan**

Dr. Eric Kalivoda gave a brief overview of the draft Statewide Transportation Plan to refresh the memory of the Commission members.

### **Review of public comments received on the draft Plan and subsequent recommendations of the Intermodal Advisory Council**

Mr. Dale Janik reviewed the actions and recommendations of the Intermodal Advisory Council.

The public review period began with unveiling the draft plan at the second Statewide Conference in Baton Rouge that was held the second week in January 2003. The Department, within a 3-week period, held nine regional meetings around the state presenting the draft plan. A 45-day public review period began February 3 and ended March 21, 2003. Draft copies were made available around the state and notices were published twice in the Baton Rouge Advocate and each official parish journal so that all the stakeholders would have the opportunity to comment verbally or in writing. The Department documented all comments and consolidated them in order to be presented and considered in this update of the transportation plan. 190 people attend the Statewide Conference in Baton Rouge in January and almost 350 attended the nine regional meetings. The largest regional meeting attendance was in Baton Rouge (80 people).

### **Discussion**

Mr. Blaise Carriere opened the discussion to the members of the Commission.

Representative Hopkins asks what affect this plan is going to have on the state priority plan that has been set up by the legislature over a

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number of years. What has this plan done to those projects that have been in the priority for a number of years and moved up?

Eric Kalivoda – Under Scenario 2, which would be the revenue increase, much of that is programmatic in nature. Including, the smaller capacity type projects. The only specific projects would be the larger scale projects, because if there is not dedicated funding, they are unlikely to get done. That part would be like a 2<sup>nd</sup> TIMED program. We did not have funding for the huge projects in the past so they weren't on the table anyway. They were promoted, but there was no money. Under our regular programs, no priorities have been changed. That continues as it always has.

Representative Hopkins - The process of amendments—what are we going to have to go through to get amendments to the particular plan? Will it be done year by year, or is the Legislature going to do that or is it the groups that put this together going to be doing it.

Eric Kalivoda – Any amendments to this plan should go through the specific Advisory Councils.

Representative Hopkins - If I wanted to move a project from C to B to A. What is the process?

Eric Kalivoda- That is what you are here today to do. We had several projects we discussed about moving from C to B. We have a 15% contingency factor built in. Adding projects would reduce the 15% contingency. This was discussed at the Intermodal Advisory Council and their decision was to maintain that 15% contingency.

Representative Hopkins - In the public comment period, there were probably requests to move some projects up. Have you altered this plan any, has anything been changed. Have you moved anything to C, B, or A or is the plan exactly as it was presented in December?

Eric Kalivoda – We've made modification to I-20 widening because

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there was some slack in the 15% contingency. We were able to expand the limits of that one project and still maintain the 15% contingency. There was a slight adjustment on the limits of a project in Lake Charles, which didn't have any impact on cost. Other than that, very minor changes.

Representative Hopkins - Does this committee have the authority to make amendments and changes?

Eric Kalivoda – Yes, you do, that is part of your role today.

Blaise Carriere - This plan reinforces the priority program under which the state operates. We are going to present next year's annual element to the priority program this coming Monday to the transportation committees of the House and the Senate. This plan addresses the larger "mega" projects.

The chair entertained a motion to accept the revisions recommended by the Intermodal Advisory Council that have been presented by the staff with the inclusion of a review of the Priority C listing of LA 1 for possible inclusion on the Priority B listing, and reexamine the phasing and staging of the N/S route that is currently listed in Priority C for possible inclusion in Priority B. Motion to accept the recommended revisions by Senator Chassion, seconded by Mr. Rodney Braxton. Motion adopted with no objections.

Representative Pitre motioned to adopt the plan, seconded by Mr. Derrell Cohoon. Motion adopted with no objections.

### **Next steps –**

- Prepare Executive Summary
- Publish final report
- Distribute final report to:
  - LIIEP Commission/Advisory Councils
  - Libraries
  - State and local government agencies
  - DOTD District Offices

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- Maintain website for 1 year
- Continue public awareness efforts
- Implement and monitor progress of Plan

Mr. Blaise Carriere – recognized Mr. John Basilica, Undersecretary of LA DOTD, Mr. Kenneth Perret, Assistant Secretary of Planning and Programming, and the Planning and Programming staff. He also thanked all the Commission members for active and strong leadership role

The next meeting will be announced later.  
The meeting was adjourned.